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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
14 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

15 CIERA DENAE OVERHOLT,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting
19 Commissioner of Social Security,

20 Defendant.

21 Case No. 2:22-cv-00557-AC

22 STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND
23 PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND
24 EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE
25 EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT;
26 [PROPOSED] ORDER

27 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their
28 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded
attorney fees and expenses in the amount of \$1,275.00, under the Equal Access to
Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). This amount represents compensation for all
legal services rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil
action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 2412(d), 1920.

29 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will
30 consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to
31 *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 598, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability

1 to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset
2 allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After
3 the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are
4 subject to any offset.

5 Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury
6 determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause
7 the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Plaintiff's counsel,
8 Francesco Benavides, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff.

9 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for
10 EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of
11 Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall
12 constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or
13 Francesco Benavides, including the Law Offices of Francesco Benavides, may have
14 relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action.

15 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Francesco Benavides to seek
16 Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings
17 clause provisions of the EAJA.

19 Respectfully submitted,

21 Dated: July 6, 2022 Law Offices of Francesco Benavides

23 By: /s/ Francesco Benavides
24 FRANCESCO P. BENAVIDES
25 Attorney for Plaintiff

1 Dated: July 6, 2022

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9 obtained via email on July 6, 2022).
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal Access to Justice Act Fees and Expenses, **IT IS ORDERED** that fees and expenses in the amount of \$1,275.00 as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.

DATE: July 11, 2022

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE